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Re: Sierakowski et al.  
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Docket No. Liner-602  
For VEHICLE BED LINER

Attn: Group Art Unit 3612  
Examiner Gregory A.  
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July AF Amendment

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy 14 JUL 2005.

Thank you for the 04/21/2005 Office communication/action (Paper No. 04152005) and the 07/07/2005 Advisory Action (Paper No. 06282005) for the present patent application. In reply to Paper No. 04152005 and in consideration of Paper No. 06282005, please reconsider this application.

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS follow this introductory page.

Claims 1-3, 7, 11, 15, 17 and 20-29 are now present. Less than twenty total, to include three independent and zero multiply dependent, claims now would be present, and this amendment is filed before expiration of the shortened statutory period for response; thus, no additional fee is due.

This amendment more particularly points out and distinctly claims the invention, and is fully supported by the underlying specification to include drawings. No new matter is entered.

This amendment may be entered because it places the case in condition for allowance, and no new consideration is required. The amendments, in particular, incorporate changes to the claims set forth in the AF Amendment filed on June 20, 2005 in address of the claim objections and the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, which were set forth in Paper No. 04152005 for the first time, noting too that the amendments to hereby canceled claims 4, 8 and 12 are in the added material to claim 1 from claim 4. Also, although traverse of the outstanding 35 USC 102(b) and (e) rejections is maintained since the intervening ribs of the applied Vitoorapakorn patents render the reasoning of the Examiner incorrect, the limitations of claim 4 are placed in claim 1, with pertinent claim dependencies corrected to take this into consideration. Please, therefore, enter the instant July AF Amendment, and issue a Notice of Allowance for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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